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REMARKS

Claims 6-12, 23-25, 27-30, 32-34, and 39-70 are currently pending in the subject application. Claims 6-12, 23, 25, 27-30, 32-34, 39-50 are allowed following appeal. Claim 24 has presently been amended such that it does not depend from a cancelled claim. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith in connection with the double patenting rejection of claims 51-70. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Assignee's representative thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted Monday, December 6, 2010. It is appreciated that the Examiner indicated that amending claim 24 to depend from claim 23 would remove the objection thereto. It is further appreciated that the Examiner indicated claims 51-70 are also allowable pending the filing of a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,323,885. As such, claim 24 is amended herein to depend from claim 23. Further, a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,323,885 is filed herewith.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [VWIEP101USB].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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